

compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter "V" for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers."

Page H2787

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007: H.R. 1284, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 176;

Pages H2782–85, H2795

Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act: H.R. 1130, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 177; and

Pages H2787–88, H2795–96

Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement (PHONE) Act of 2007: H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 178.

Pages H2790–93, H2796–97

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007: H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 173.

Pages H2769–72, H2785

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 22nd:

Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007: H.R. 545, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine and

Pages H2788–90

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 66, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

Pages H2793–95

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2761–62, H2763–64, H2764, H2765–66, H2768, H2769, H2785, H2786, H2786–87, H2795, H2795–96, and H2796–97. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the USDA rural development programs and the agency's rural development proposal for the 2007 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from Tom Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Department of Justice Overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Julia Smith Gibbons, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Enhancing Privacy and Civil Rights While Meeting Homeland Security Needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer; and Daniel Sutherland, Office Civil Rights and Liberties; and Linda

Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Holocaust Museum/National Gallery of Art/Commission on Fine Arts/National Capital Planning Commission/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Testimony was heard from Sara Bloomfield, Director, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Arts and Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts; and Thomas Luebke, Secretary, Commission on Fine Arts; Patricia E. Gallagher, Executive Director, National Capital Planning Commission; and John Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Public Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Patricia Harris, President and CEO; Cheryl Halpern, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Kenneth A. Konz, Inspector General; Ken Stern, CEO, National Public Radio; and Paula Kerger, CEP, Public Broadcasting Service.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on International Affairs Budget. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

MILITARY COMMANDS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Strategic Command, Northern Command, Transportation Command, and Southern Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN, Command, NORAD and U.S. NORTHCOM;

GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; and ADM James Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

DEFENSE COUNTERPROLIFERATION/COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense counterproliferation, counterterrorism, and science and technology priorities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Young, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; James Tegnalia, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Anthony J. Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Research Project Agency; Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Research and Technology; RADM William Landay III, USN, Chief of Naval Research; and Terry Jagers, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported, as amended, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008.

ESEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on ESEA Reauthorization: Options for Improving NCLB's Measures of Progress. Testimony was heard from Peter McWalters, Commissioner, Department of Education, State of Rhode Island; Valerie A. Woodruff, Secretary of Education, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science and Technology held a joint hearing entitled "Perspectives on Climate Change." Testimony was heard from former Vice President Al Gore, of TN; and a public witness.

SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PAY; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Financial Services: Began mark of H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS THREAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on the Global Threat of Drug-Resistant TB: A Call to Action for World TB Day. Testimony was heard from Representative Engel; the following officials of the Department of State: Mark R. Dybul, Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator; and Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. Testimony was heard from Mario Raviglione, M.D., Director, Stop TB Department, Work Heath Organization.

U.S.-PAKISTAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Pakistan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING LIQUID NATURAL GAS TANKERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Securing LNG Tankers to Protect the Homeland." Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Energy, NRC, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; RADM Brian M. Salerno, USCG, Director, Inspection and Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and H. Keith Lesnick, Director, Office of Deepwater Post Licensing, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

RADIATION DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Countering the Nuclear Threat to the Homeland: Evaluating the Deployment of Radiation Detection Technologies." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection.

**ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS—
INVESTIGATION OF RECENT U.S.
ATTORNEYS TERMINATION**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved a motion

authorizing the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary to issue subpoenas to the following individuals to secure testimony pursuant to the Committee's investigation concerning the recent termination of U.S. Attorneys and related subjects: D. Kyle Sampson; Karl Rove, Harriet Miers; William Kelley; and Scott Jennings.

MORTGAGES IN URBAN AMERICA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Foreclosure, Predatory Mortgage and Payday Lending in America's Cities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour and twenty minutes of general debate on H.R. 1433, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers, Representatives Sensenbrenner, Issa, King of Iowa, Sessions, Rohrabacher, Flake, Bishop of Utah, and Price of Georgia.

U.S. TROOPS READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule. The rule provides 4 hours of general debate on H.R. 1591, U.S. Troops Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or

without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey, Representatives Lynch, Waters, Woolsey, Lee, Watson, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Lewis of California, Kirk, Sessions, Hunter, Shays, McHugh, Flake, Wilson of South Carolina, Cole of Oklahoma, Gingrey, King of Iowa, and Kuhl.

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES FEDERAL CONTRACTING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Federal Government Efforts in Contracting with Women-Owned Businesses. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Deputy Administrator, SBA; Frank Spampinato, Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Energy; Glenn Perry, Director, Contracts and Acquisitions Management, Department of Education; Thomas Luedtke, Assistant Administrator, NASA; and public witnesses.

FAA FINANCING PROPOSAL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration's Financing Proposal. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tiahrt and Barrow; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Daniel K. Elwell, Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy, Planning and Environment, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

KATRINA TAX RELIEF ACT; GENETIC INFORMATION NONDISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1562, Katrina Housing Tax Relief Act of 2007; and H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare Advantage. Testimony was heard from Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO.

BRIEFINGS—HOT SPOTS FBI/CIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI/CIA. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup the Supplemental Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the United States Southern command, Northern command, and Joint Forces command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the detention and judicial capacity in Iraq, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine causes and consequences relating to mortgage market turmoil, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) modernization, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the "Future of Coal" report recently published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to receive testimony on "Keeping America's Promise" relating to health care and child welfare services for Native Americans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine deconstructing reconstruction, focusing on problems, challenges, and the way forward in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of the Special Counsel, focusing on the safeguarding of the merit systems principles in preparation for the consideration of the reauthorization of the two agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing, 9:45 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 849, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, S. 888, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances, S. 621, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances